



TSU, NHCP unveils historical marker of Aguinaldo's last revolutionary capital



National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Executive Director Carminda Arevalo led the unveiling of the historical marker in commemoration of the Philippines' 125th independence and nationhood at Tarlac State University's Main Campus on June 21, 2024.

This marker in front

of the Administration Building signifies that Tarlac is one of the seven capitals of the first Philippine Republic that helped the country gain independence.

"Napakahalaga ng papel ng TSU sa ating kasaysayan. Tatlo na ang ating NHCP marker at sa buong Central Luzon, ang TSU po ay historical. Ito po ay naging Malacañang ni Aguinaldo

noong June 21, 1899. November 12, 1899 noong sinakop ng mga Amerikano ang buong Tarlac," Dr. Lino L. Dizon, former NHCP Commissioner and former Center for Tarlaqueño Studies director, said in his speech.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Dir. Arevalo, and

Dr. Dizon signed the certificate of transfer and receipt of the 1.8-meter historical marker with a design inspired by a map pin symbol and the Philippine flag.

"Kami po dito sa Tarlac State University ay mapalad na mabigyan ng historical marker. Ito po ay naglalayon

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Tarlac State University and Ming Chi University of Technology in Taiwan launched the MCUT 3+2 Bachelor-Master Fast Track program for student exchange and discussed possible faculty mobility and research partnerships in an orientation and welcome program on June 4, 2024 at the TSU Hotel, Lucinda Campus.

allows selected students to study a three-year undergraduate course at TSU and continue their studies at MCUT for two years, leading to a master's degree.

Under this program, the students will be offered a 100% tuition waiver for their first year at MCUT, free dormitory, cultural experience in Taiwan, free Mandarin language classes, scholarships (for international students), and advanced training and experimental facilities as they earn an international master's degree.

Meanwhile, the international students can avail two types of scholarships for their second year in the 3+2 program. They can either be a full scholar with 100% tuition waiver with free dormitory or a half scholar with 50% tuition waiver and 50% dormitory fee waiver.

"I would like to inform our colleagues in TSU that our memorandum of agreement has already been approved for the 3+2 program. It is already available for our students and some faculty members who have scholarships in graduate

Dr. Chieh-Lan "Winnie" Li, MCUT Office of International Affairs Director, introduced their 3+2 program, posing opportunities for TSU students enrolled in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, electronics engineering, industrial engineering, chemistry, financial management, and visual communication programs. MCUT's 3+2 Bachelor-Master Fast Track program

programs," Dr. Robert V. Marcos, TSU's Office of University Research Development Director, said.

"It (MOA) has undergone the scrutiny of the legal division of the Commission on Higher Education. Before we had the approval of the Board of Regents, it already passed through and secured the approval of the legal division of CHED. It is available for those who are qualified," Dr. Marcos added.

According to MCUT President Dr. Thua-Hua Liu, their university has ten research centers that can help foster partnerships for both parties.

"At TSU, we believe that strong partnerships are the cornerstones of making research in reaching educational experiences and impactful community initiatives. Together, we can cultivate a dynamic environment and foster growth, creativity, and mutual success," TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco said in his speech.

"We are committed to

providing all the support and resources necessary to ensure the success of our partnership," he added.

Dr. Li also proposed the 2+2 Dual Bachelor's Degree Program, where students will have the chance to learn Mandarin, complete an undergraduate degree, and continue earning one master's degree at MCUT.

Dr. Marcos, also the focal person for the MCUT MOA and MOU, said their office will look into more academic partnerships with MCUT in this orientation.

The event was graced by college deans and program heads from TSU and other MCUT delegates, namely Dr. Fong-Rey (Kevin Liu), Provost; Dr. Kung-Jui Pai, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, College of Management and Design; Dr. Kim Hoon Ng, Department of Chemical Engineering, College of Environment and Resources; Dr. Chia-Hao Ku, Department of Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering; Dr. Wan-Yi Lai, Department of Industrial Design, College of Management and Design; and Mr. Shuh-Chieh (Elliot) Hsiao, Program Coordinator, Office of International Affairs.



TSU, DepEd Tarlac Province to collaborate for financial literacy

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Tarlac State University and the Department of Education-Schools Division Office of Tarlac Province (SDOTP) formally sealed their first partnership through a ceremonial memorandum of agreement signing on June 4, 2024, at the SGOD Conference Room of DepEd Tarlac Province. Titled Project DISIPLINADO, the College of Business and Accountancy, with the assistance of the Office of Gender and Development, is set to extend services to the DepEd SDOTP for knowledge sharing and capacity building.

Vice President for Research Development and Extension Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed, representing TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, highlighted the importance of collaboration and cooperation to achieve the project's success.

"We have our resources; you also have your resources. We have our limitations; you also have your limitations. But us working together, we can make great things, and we can create an impact [on] the community," VP Mohammed said.

The project's initial phase is composed of financial literacy seminars and training intended for the division officers, education leaders, DepEd teachers, non-teaching personnel, and senior high school students enrolled under the Accountancy and Business Management strand.

SDOTP Superintendent Dr. Ronnie S. Mallari, represented by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Danilo M. Jacoba, emphasized the timeliness and relevance of the financial literacy programs to its benefactors, especially the teachers.

"Kami po ay natutuwa dahil ito ay napapanahon. Kinakailangan nating turuan at tulong ang ating mga guro para mas mapaganda ang pagmamaneha ng kanilang financial resources pati na rin po ang ating iba pang mga kasamahan. Sana po ay magtuloy-tuloy ito at marami pa tayong matulungan sa SDOTP," Dr. Jacoba said.

Meanwhile, CBA Associate Dean Dr. Henry D. Rufino assured that the college

will not limit the sharing of resources to teachers but will also cater to other SDOTP personnel and SHS students.

"Through this project, hindi na lang po tayo magiging matatag, mas lalong pa po tayong magiging disiplinado," Dr. Rufino stated, linking it to DepEd's "Matatag" curriculum.

Moreover, CBA Dean Dr. Jhonel C. Panlilio, represented by MBA/DBA Chairperson Dr. Elizabeth



Amurao, shared her vision of the project, underscoring its positive implications for the partners.

"At the end of this journey, we would like to envision a strong core of DepEd faculty and non-teaching personnel who are financially literate who will mold our young citizens towards a healthy state of financial well-being," she said.

According to CBA Extension Chairperson Prof. Christine Janelle Santiago, the project's second phase will consist of mentorship programs for ABM senior high school students to capacitate them with the skills and knowledge in crafting business-related outputs, such as feasibility studies and business plans.

Dr. Joel S. Guileb, School Governance and Operations Division Chief Education Supervisor, thanked TSU for considering their proposal to include mentorship programs in the project.

Joining the TSU delegates are GAD Director Dr. Rita E. Pulmano and Office of University Extension Services Director Engr. Emir Lenard S.F. Sicangco.

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na bigyan importansiya ang mga makasaysayang kaganapan at mga lugar na may makasaysayang gawa mula sa pananaw ng mga Pilipino at upang pukawin ang pagmamalaki sa ating pambansang pamana at pagkakakilanlan," Pres. Velasco said in his acceptance speech.

"Nangangako kaming igagalang at protektahan ang historical marker na matatagpuan sa aming institusyon dito sa TSU," he added.

Tarlac served as the last revolutionary capital of President Emilio Aguinaldo. He stayed at the Casa Real de Tarlac, presently the Aguinaldo Hall of the College of Engineering and the site of the Museo-Archivo Tarlaqueño, from June 21 to November 12, 1899.

According to Dr. Dizon, it was in Casa Real de Tarlac where Aguinaldo signed significant decrees, such as the prohibition of merchant vessels flying the American flag from territories held by the Philippine Republic, the organization of the Supreme Court and inferior courts, the promulgation of the General Orders of the Army, and the Fil-Hispano Decree of 30 June 1899 (the basis of the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Decree).

He added that he is "very happy" that a Spanish engineer, Señor Jose Antonio Portillo, who loves the Philippines' history, donated a facsimile of the decree from Spain on the same day to give importance to the 125th anniversary.



"Thanks to Aguinaldo for this decree. This decree is a chain held between the Spaniards and the Filipinos. We need to develop continuously the friendship that Aguinaldo signed on right here; because of that chain hold, we need to continue mixing our blood as I have done," Señor Portillo, Asociacion del Legardo Hispanico en Ultramar (HISPAULT) president, said.

Pres. Velasco signed the deed of donation for the facsimile, which states that it will be exhibited permanently at the university's Museo-Archivo Tarlaqueño.



"Isang kalayaan na ibinigay sa atin upang ating laging pakatatandaan at pakakabigyan ng halaga ang salitang sakripisyo – na sa ating bawat gawin, dapat ang pagsasakripisyong ito ay lagi nating tatandaan. Nagsakripisyo at nagbigay ng buhay ang ating mga bayani. Tayo ngayon ang mga bagong bayani na dapat dito pa lang sa ating unibersidad, kakakitaan na tayo ng pagsasakripisyong iyon upang ating makuha kung ano ba ang pagbabago na gusto natin," VP Macaraeg said.

The seven capitals consist of Bamban (1899), Tarlac (July 1899), Malolos Cathedral in Malolos Bulacan (September 10, 1898), Cuenca House in Bacoor,

Cavite (July 15, 1898), Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit Cavite (June 12, 1898), Sideco House in San Isidro, Nueva Ecija (March 1899), and the Cabanatuan Cathedral in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija (May 1899).



New local college in Zambales visits TSU for best practices

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Collegio de Masinloc, a newly established local college in Zambales, benchmarked six offices of Tarlac State University on June 19, 2024 at the Main AVR.

CDM President Dr. Feliciano Rosete and his team visited the Office of Management Information System, Office of Admission and Registration, Office of Planning, Budget Management Unit, Office of Human Resource Development and Management, and the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.

OMIS Director Dr. Marlon V. Gamido shared the number of servers, firewalls, software, and systems developed by their office, namely the student and employee portals, and some best practices like the Automated Faculty Evaluation System.

Dr. Gamido also shared the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) System and the Follett System of the Office of Library Management Services.

The CDM delegates also visited the OAR, where they learned about the admission



and enrollment processes for incoming first-year students, filing of documents, forms available on the TSU website, and the students' Report of Grades and Certificate of Registration.

Meanwhile, OAR Director Dr. Theda Flare G. Quilala discussed the College of Engineering's bridging programs.

Pres. Rosete said they are planning to expand their local college by offering

more non-board and board programs while strengthening their curriculum, research, and extension services.

He added that local officials are eyeing to open the college to non-Masinloc residents to offer educational opportunities to students from nearby towns.

The delegates also consulted with the university regarding its Land Use

Development and Infrastructure Plan in line with their college's ten-hectare lot expansion.

Moreover, Planning Director Dr. Jay R. Pabustan highlighted the importance of establishing a research agenda and aligning activities to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, which are part of the university's best practices on research and extension.

DHVSU dean gives books to TSU for legal education

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Don Honorio Ventura State University's School of Law Dean David Robert Aquino handed over books to Tarlac State University on June 29, 2024 at the Office of the University President.

The donated books, which will be available at the TSU School of Law Library, are those that he authored and published under Centralbooks. The DHVSU SOL dean said they would

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TSU-JFINEX sustains national recognitions from JCFAP

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The College of Business and Accountancy's Junior Financial Executives received national awards from the JCFAP last June 23, 2024 at the Citystate Tower Hotel in Manila.

The TSU-JFINEX was recognized as the Top 1 Best Local Finance Organization and Top 1 National Helping Hand Award, which were bestowed by the Junior Confederation of Finance Associations-Philippines Awards 2024.

The National Helping Hand Award measures the exemplary efforts of an organization in serving the community through outreach projects centered on financial literacy, creating a positive impact in the community.

Among the student extension activities of JFINEX are book donations to the marginalized sector in Brgy. Gayong-Gayong in Mayantoc town and a feeding program and financial literacy lectures and seminars for students of Padapada National High School in Santa Ignacia town, San Manuel High School, and Don Casimiro G. Tañedo Integrated School in Victoria town.

The organization also placed third under the Innovative Award with their Financial Literacy Awareness Project (FLAP), organized by the fourth-year students through the help of corporate partners. FLAP offers six sessions of seminar workshops to students and the community.

This recognition features the organization's ability to think and create innovative ideas and projects that are non-academic and unique events.

Some TSU-JFINEX members are also involved in the college's extension programs, where they can acquire skills they can eventually share with the communities they are planning to visit.

"Their hard work paid off. Yung heart nila and dedication, passion to serve ay iba. Out-of-the-box kasi sila kung mag-isip ng activities and ako bilang adviser na-amaze ako. At the same time napapasisip ako kung kaya ba nilang i-execute ito kasi pangangyari ang ideal yung gusto nilang mangyari at nabibigla na lang ako kasi nagagawa nila," TSU-JFINEX adviser Prof. Christine Janelle Santiago said in

an interview.

"Siguro 'yung secret ng JFINEX sa success nila ay 'yung heart, passion, commitment at yung samahan nila," she added.

Prof. Santiago, also the CBA extension head, said she taps all student organization presidents of their college to participate and support the TSU-JFINEX's outreach projects by donating cash or in kind, like books and school supplies, for their beneficiaries.

According to Prof. Santiago, CBA Dean Dr. Jhonel Panlilio's "unwavering and unmatched" support for the organization is also one of the



reasons for their various awards.

Apart from group awards, TSU-JFINEX Executive President Lilyana Cunanan was named the Top 2 Outstanding Finance Student Leader in the country.

Cunanan, an incoming fourth-year financial management student, will serve as the JCFAP in Central Luzon Regional President.

"Unexpected po kasi ang dami pong nominees. Sinabi ko nga po kanila ma'am (Prof. Santiago) na baka hindi ko po makuha yung award. Nakita ko rin po kasi na nandoon po 'yung (organization) president po ng PUP at 15 po kaming finalists," Cunanan said.

TSU-JFINEX also received the Outstanding College-based Organization and Membership Development Award, with Cunanan as the outstanding student leader in the student organization category, during the Araw ng Parangal 2024 of the university's Office of Student Affairs and Services last June 7.

The group was also presented with the Hall of Fame Award after receiving the outstanding college-based organization recognition for six years.

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give more on their next visit. TSU President Dr. Arnold Velasco thanked the DHVSU SOL visitors for continuously supporting the TSU SOL and its endeavors in strengthening legal education.

One of the books donated is the "2024 BAR Syllabi Reader: The Justice Lopez Ponencias," which can be used by graduating law students preparing for the Bar examinations. TSU is the first university to receive a copy since this has not yet been released in the market.

Other books include "Legal and Judicial Ethics," the first book published following the new syllabus of the Juris Doctor program, and "State Universities and Colleges- The Governing Board – Powers, Procedures, and Pronouncements," authored by CHED Chairperson Dr.

J. Prospero "Popoy" De Vera III, Dr. Enrique Baking, Atty. Cinderella Filipina Benitez-Jaro, and Dean Aquino, which serves as a guide for SUC presidents.

Dean Aquino, a friend of TSU SOL Dean Jose Dela Rama Jr., also authored books together like the "Problem Areas in Legal Ethics (PALE)" and "Problem Areas in Positive Identification and Alibi & the Emerging Role of Forensic Science."

The DHVSU SOL dean was accompanied by Dr. Raniel B. Canlas, Vice President for Research, Innovation, Training, and Extension and Executive Assistant to the President, and Ms. Alayne F. Lavarias, incoming third year DHVSU law student and vice president for internal affairs of their legal aid organization.



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TSU ups international quality assurance recognitions

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Tarlac State University secured ranks among more than 1,000 higher education institutions globally in the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) and the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2024.

Released last June 7, the university placed 279th out of 1,072 HEIs worldwide in the WURI 2024 Global Top 300 Innovative Universities.

Among the 2,880 collected programs, three submissions of TSU are part of the top 100 universities in

the following categories: rank 30 in Student Support and Engagement (A1), rank 39 in Crisis Management (A5), and rank 52 in Funding (B2).

The submitted entries are a collaborative effort of the Office of Quality Assurance, led by the International Accreditation Unit, and several offices, namely the Office of Student Affairs and Services, Office of University Extension Services, Office of Human Resource Development and Management, Office of Management Information

Systems, Center for Food Technology and Research, and Center for Solar and Emerging Technologies, among others, highlighting the university's best practices in the given categories of WURI.

"We had high expectations for our innovative programs, and seeing them recognized in the WURI rankings is a testament to our commitment to excellence and innovation. Our inclusion in these rankings demonstrates that our university's programs meet international standards,

standing alongside leading institutions globally," International Quality Assurance Unit Head Ms. Liana Faith Q. De Leon said in an interview.

This is the university's first time to submit its selected programs to the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI) for assessment, gauging TSU's real-world contributions to industry and society, highlighting innovative education, research, and

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engagement to society.

Quality Assurance Office Director Dr. Niño B. Corpuz said that the university's ranking to WURI is a "parallelism or alignment" to the global program goals of the Commission on Higher Education.

"TSU's earned ranks to WURI offered more opportunities to venture [into] various innovative programs and projects that are beneficial to the whole academic community and its numerous groups of clientele. It provided a paradigm shift for the university from conventional practices into more inventive, novel, and impactful strategies contributing to the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals," Dr. Corpuz said in an interview.

"TSU's ranking to WURI can serve as a benchmark to other higher education institutions locally and internationally proving

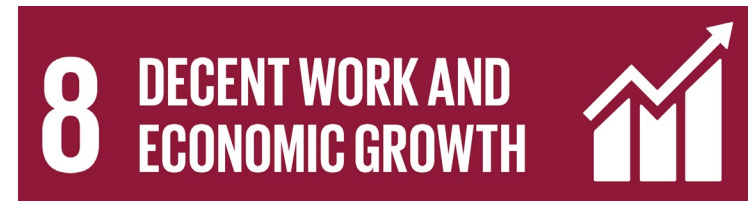
its enduring worth as a higher learning institution with long-term future impact to industries and society," he added.

Meanwhile, on June 12, the university received its THE Impact Rankings 2024 result as one of the 1,149 HEIs to rank under SDG 8 or Decent Work and Economic Growth.

The majority of the university's component scores under SDG 8 are above the median score, particularly on the expenditure per employee and the proportion of employees on secure contracts.

This denotes that the university implements legal and reasonable wages for its faculty and staff based on government policies on salary adjustments and increases, ensuring that every employee is properly compensated.

According to their published methodology, THE Impact Rankings are the first global attempt to



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measure university progress, specifically around the SDGs. It can be a catalyst for action, a mechanism for holding universities to account, and an opportunity to highlight the work that they are already doing.

The Impact Rankings

ranks universities in the SDGs for which they have provided data. On the other hand, to be included in the overall rankings, the universities must submit data on at least three SDGs plus SDG 17, a mandatory SDG.

TSU, CS Global Workplace sign partnership anew

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CS Global Workplace Inc. renewed its internship partnership with Tarlac State University on June 18, 2024 with a signing held at the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

As the partner training institution, CS Global Workplace Inc. or Cloudstaff shall designate a mentor for the students, wherein they will be given course-related assignments and industry, classroom, or laboratory experiences.

Cloudstaff is also expected to expose students to real-life situations to develop their skills

and secure the students' safety and well-being while completing the required hours of internship.

This internship partnership is extended to all programs in the university with students who wish to be trained as digital creatives, digital marketers, graphic designers, and graphic illustrators.

With these, the university shall pre-select the qualified students who will undergo internships, while the designated internship heads shall orient and familiarize the students with the rules, work ethics, and regulations in the partner training institution.



FEATURE

When God redirects you to another path

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

One of the versatile professors of Tarlac State University under the College of Education has just been named as the newest and only University Professor to date, per the CHED-DBM Joint Circular No. 3, s. 2022 Cycle 1 results. Dr. Maria Agnes P. Ladia, known for her promising career in the field of education and in delivering extension services to the university's partner communities, took her oath last May 14, 2024.

Dr. Ladia started her career at TSU in 1997 as a substitute lecturer of the then College of Arts and Sciences (now College of Arts and Social Sciences). After a year, she was transferred to the College of Education, which also houses the Laboratory School.

She became very instrumental in the success of The Work Jr., the official student publication of the Laboratory School, as she was the campus paper adviser who mentored young campus journalists. As an adviser, she brought the publication to the national press conference (Editorial Writing English) thrice, earning medals and honors.

Moreover, Dr. Ladia is notable for serving the university as the dean of the College of Education for five years, from 2009 to 2014. Through her leadership and beyond her deanship, the college reaped accolades in the Licensure Examination for Teachers. She also led the institution of policies to enhance the quality of education among future educators.

Dr. Ladia was often seen as a disciplinarian – a very frank person who does not



sugarcoat things.

"Hindi ako 'sugarcoater.' I am very blunt pero okay lang sa akin 'yon kasi I don't want to be loved by everyone. I just want to be loved for who I am. Mahirap 'yung nagkukunwari," she said.

Dr. Ladia said she often encourages students to speak the English language, grooming them to become better speakers and preparing them for their examinations and presentations.

From June 2023 to the present, she holds the deanship of the TSU Graduate Studies.

Aside from teaching at TSU, she is also a volunteer professor at the Our Lady of Peace College Seminary since 2019.

As the College of Education Dean

When Dr. Ladia was the COED dean, she implemented several changes

to the Licensure Examination for Teachers review and incorporated admission and retention policies. This led to the university's improved board exam performance after her stint as dean.

"Malaking tulong talaga 'yung retention policy. Nabigla lang siguro 'yung mga estudyante, pero it is a much-needed ingredient para mas tumaas yung performance natin. Lalo na kung magagawa siya ng tama kasi maganda yung program; kailangan lang talagang tutukan 'yung mga tao," Dr. Ladia told OPA.

Furthermore, the college was hailed by the Commission on Higher Education as a Center of Development in Teacher Education in 2016.

"After I left my post as dean of the college for five years, our LET performance was really very good to the point of after a year of leaving my post,

naging Center for Development tayo. We were able to implement a lot of changes in terms of reviews. Kami rin ang nag-start ng admission and retention policies," Dr. Ladia told OPA.

After she stepped down from the position, all programs under COED received a Level III accreditation status from AACCUP. The college retention program then served its purpose, and no backlogs were recorded during accreditation. This was continued and further improved by her successors.

She also focused on extension projects, considered one of the college's best practices.

Other positions held

After becoming a college dean, she was designated as the Professional Development Office Director. Eventually, the office was transferred to the then Extension Service Office

as the Continuing Professional Development Unit, accredited by the Professional Regulation Commission. She was able to organize one international and six national seminars.

Back to being a faculty member, she was the Extension Chairperson of the college's graduate programs where she initiated the LUGUD program for the professional development of teachers, focusing on improvement, lifting, and unraveling – trying to help teachers to still push through despite COVID-19 pandemic. The college partnered with Rotary Club of Tarlac.

Soon, the LUGUD 2.0 for Tarlac South A, composed of nine public schools, was launched with a 2.4 million funding under the Office of University Extension Services.

"I don't see competitions. I just focus on myself, and my dreams. Actually, 'yung pagiging University Professor wasn't easy," Dr. Ladia said.

Journey to becoming a University Professor

"I applied for

presidency twice. I applied to CLSU, nag-rank 2 lang ako. Tapos dito (TSU), I didn't make it. Pero the Lord is good, He gave me something better kasi binigyan niya ako ng University Professor (item), which is something more permanent and may financial implications din siya. Plus, hindi ko naman inexpect na papasa ako kasi I just took a leap of faith," Dr. Ladia said in an interview.

She shared that three faculty members from TSU convinced her three days before the deadline for submission of requirements. They believed in her so much that they helped her out.

"They started to believe in me before I believed in myself," she said.

When she underwent the first stage of the interview, she was not that confident since the interviewer kept asking her to tell more and expound her answers.

"Naniniwala ako na 'di naman nag-uunahan sa promotion. Ang lawak naman ng mundo. Kasi pwede naman na we lift each other up," she said.

After reaching the highest plantilla for faculty

members of state universities and colleges, she hopes to serve as an inspiration to many, especially her former and present students.

"I hope maraming mainspire. Kasi 'yung mga dati kong estudyante, mga faculty, sinasabi nila na 'Ma'am, pagkatapos mo, kami naman.' Sabi ko, 'Oo naman, i-pursue mo 'yan.' Hindi naman kabawasan sa akin kung marami tayong university professors," Dr. Ladia said.

She finished a dual degree, Bachelor of Science in Education and Bachelor of Arts major in English, minor in History, at the College of Holy Spirit. She pursued a Master of Arts in Education degree major in Administration and Supervision at TSU in 1990. For her doctoral degree, she was the first COED faculty member to complete the Doctor of Education major in Educational Management at TSU in 2002.

The secret to success

She disclosed that her secret to success is her family – her supportive husband and children. Dr. Ladia and her husband, Carlo, were blessed

with three children, namely Danielle Isabel, a magna cum laude BS nursing graduate of Trinity University of Asia, Ma. Janica Beatrix, and Juan Carlo.

"My husband is really supportive. Never siyang na-insecure o nag-doubt. He is always there beside me, at my side, and hindi siya 'yung tipo ng lalaki na 'diyan ka lang kasi babae ka.' He wanted me to go as far as I can. He is very proud of me, and my children also," Dr. Ladia said.

Her willingness to strive harder comes from her struggles since she came from a not well-off family – her father is a barber while her mother is a modiste who finished a vocational course back when TSU was still the Tarlac Trade School.

"Si Papa alam na magdi-dean ako kaso namatay siya nung [naging] dean na ako. Kasi na-announce 'yung [pagiging] dean [ko] ng June, April namatay na siya. Si mama mas naaga siya namatay kasi paglipat ko sa Educ (COED), namatay na siya. Pero siguro nakikita naman nila. Proud sila," she shared.



EDITORIAL

Running out of battery?



Delivery of quality education is mandatory in any school, especially among state-run higher education institutions funded by the government. With a pressing need to produce top-caliber graduates who will be future drivers of the Philippine economy, the challenge is not only placed on the shoulders of the students; education institutions are equally pressured to meet the industry's demands. Other than that, higher education institutions are also wired to level up and sustain excellent board exam performances. In these cases, is a retention exam necessary?

A retention examination, sometimes called a 'battery' exam in other

colleges, is meant to ensure that students are keeping up with the demands of the program they are enrolled in, which is ideally aligned with the industry's standards. To name a few, Tarlac State University's nursing, criminology, and education programs have long established the conduct of retention exams. On one hand, this will ensure good performance in board exams and increase the students' competencies. On the other hand, this feels like a burden to students with the unified aim of graduating to have a better future.

Before going through the exam, the college has to prepare the students. In preparing the students, quality teaching is imperative,

along with the students' demonstration and application of learning. There seem to be no qualms or strife from nursing and criminology students who will take their battery exams this midyear term. However, education students continually chant #CREncel on social media, which means "cancel the college retention exam."

The education students seem to be running out of battery as they struggle to be heard by the college administration in postponing the retention exam. Meanwhile, the decision of the college to push the exam is bolstered by their belief that the series of orientations is enough. Students feel like they are being robbed of their future, but the college

believes this can fortify students' tomorrows while safeguarding the university's standings.

Going back to the necessity of retention or battery exams, the situation depends on how the college and its students work hand in hand to prepare each other. Students may not struggle if they know they are equipped. The colleges also have to assure the students that the exams mean no harm and are intended for them to be fully able and capable in their future professions. Both sides have their valid stances, but balancing it is up to the administrators and faculty members who are shapers of students' minds and even the lives they are about to have after college.



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